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Burn Ban Declared **in Sedgwick County Fire District #1**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) - Due to a lack of precipitation and high winds, a heightened level of fire danger is present in Sedgwick County. As a result, Sedgwick County Fire District #1 has issued, effective immediately, **a total ban on burning**.

This ban on burning applies to all burning operations within the Sedgwick County Fire District, and will include revocation of all current burn permits that have been previously issued.

"The dry weather conditions pose a threat to the safety of our citizens and property," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. "It is always better to be safe than sorry."

The Sedgwick County Fire District wants to emphasize awareness of ignition sources that could start an unwanted fire. All ignition sources need to be treated in a responsible manner to prevent fires, especially during the current weather conditions.

For further information, contact Fire Marshal Greg Thompson or any member of the Fire Prevention Bureau at 744-0471 during normal business hours.

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